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UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode IslandFACULTY SENATE  
BILLAdopted by the Faculty Senate

TO: President Edward D. Eddy

FROM: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

1. The attached BILL, titled Initiation of a Referendum to Amend Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution  
\_\_\_\_\_,  
is forwarded for your consideration.
2. The original and two copies for your use are included.
3. This BILL was adopted by vote of the Faculty Senate on March 21, 1985  
(date).
4. After considering this bill, will you please indicate your approval or disapproval. Return the original or forward it to the Board of Governors, completing the appropriate endorsement below.
5. In accordance with Section 10, paragraph 4 of the Senate's By-Laws, this bill will become effective on April 11, 1985 (date), three weeks after Senate approval, unless: (1) specific dates for implementation are written into the bill; (2) you return it disapproved; (3) you forward it to the Board of Governors for their approval; or (4) the University Faculty petitions for a referendum. If the bill is forwarded to the Board of Governors, it will not become effective until approved by the Board.

March 22, 1985  
(date)Frank M. White  
Frank M. White  
Chairperson of the Faculty Senate-----  
ENDORSEMENT

TO: Chairperson of the Faculty Senate

FROM: President of the University

Returned.

- a. Approved ☒ \_\_\_\_\_.
- b. Approved subject to final approval by Board of Governors \_\_\_\_\_.
- c. Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_.

4/1/85  
(date)Edward D. Eddy  
President

THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
Kingston, Rhode Island

FACULTY SENATE

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

March 6, 1985

On February 15, 1985, Assistant Vice President Swan wrote to the Executive Committee requesting that the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid be made an ex officio non voting member of the Faculty Senate. In support of her request, Assistant Vice President Swan wrote "Dean Taggart is a member of the Council of Deans and has responsibilities commensurate with those of people who serve as deans of the Colleges. Since the President has identified admissions as a top priority at the University and since this deanship requires knowledge of and involvement in the many areas which fall under the purview of the Faculty Senate, I am asking that Dean Taggart be made a member of the Faculty Senate ex officio without the right to vote but with the right to make and second motions."

The Executive Committee concurs with Assistant Vice President Swan and recommends that the Faculty Senate initiate a referendum of the general faculty to amend Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution to read as proposed (changes are underlined):

E X I S T I N G

Article III. Membership

1. The Senate shall consist of designated ex officio administrative members, ex officio student members and of elected members of the full-time teaching, library, research and extension faculty, chosen in the approximate ratio of one senator for each 10 full-time faculty members. For the purpose of determining the number of senators to be elected by a college, the library or other unit of the faculty authorized to conduct elections, part-time faculty members shall be counted according to the fraction of full-time which they serve. Any professor, associate professor, assistant professor, or instructor of the full-time teaching, library, research and extension faculty may be elected a member of the Senate. The Senate will provide means by which all eligible faculty members not in a college or the library have the opportunity to vote and to be candidates for election. The President, the Vice President for Academic Affairs, the Vice President for Business and Finance, the Vice President for Student Affairs, the deans of the colleges and schools, the Dean of the Graduate School, the Dean of the Division of University Extension, the Registrar and the President or in his absence, the Vice President of the Student Senate and the President or in his absence, the Vice President of the Graduate Student Association shall be members of the Senate ex

officio without the right to vote, but with the right to make and second motions. Other officers of administration, including personnel deans, the Director of Admissions, and the directors and assistant directors of the University administrative divisions shall not be eligible for election to the Senate.

P R O P O S E D

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THE UNIVERSITY OF RHODE ISLAND  
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FACULTY SENATE

MINUTES

Faculty Senate Executive Committee Meeting #24 - February 25, 1985

1. The meeting was called to order at 8:00 a.m. in the Faculty Senate Office, Chairperson White presiding. All members were present except Senators Helms who was excused.
2. The Minutes of Executive Committee Meeting #23, February 18, 1985 were approved as amended.
3. The Agenda for Faculty Senate Meeting #9, February 28, 1985 was reviewed.
4. Chairperson White reported on the NIE Regional Conference which had been held on February 20, 21, and 22. He said that approximately 700 people representing the northeastern states had attended the conference. The major discussions at the conference centered around three recommendations in the NIE publication titled "Involvement in Learning: Realization of the Potential of Higher Education." The three recommendations were:
  - a. That Colleges and Universities should place most of their emphasis and resources on freshmen and sophomores;
  - b. That expectations should be made perfectly clear to students;
  - c. That students should be assessed at the end of their four years and examinations be given to all students before they graduate.

Chairperson White agreed to report to the Senate on the NIE Conference as part of his announcements at the February 28 Faculty Senate Meeting.

5. The Executive Committee agreed to the following topics for their next meeting with President Eddy:
  - a. Research Administration;
  - b. The University Budget for 1985-86;
  - c. The Mackal Project;
  - d. The Search Process at the University.
6. The Executive Committee discussed a February 14 memorandum on Research Leadership from the Research Policy and Facilities Committee. Following discussion, Ms. Grubman was

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6. (continued)

directed to write to John Long, Chairperson of the Research Policy and Facilities Committee, informing him that the Executive Committee is also concerned about research leadership and administration and has taken the following steps in this regard: a) they met with Mr. Howard and Professor Gutchen on this matter, b) a March 21 Forum on Research Administration is being planned, and c) Research Administration has been identified as a topic for discussion with President Eddy.

7. The Executive Committee discussed a February 15 memorandum from Vice President Swan recommending that the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid become an ex officio non voting member of the Faculty Senate. Following discussion, it was agreed to recommend that the Faculty Senate initiate a referendum to amend Article III of the Faculty Senate Constitution by adding the Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid as an ex officio non voting member of the Faculty Senate.

It was further agreed to invite Dean Taggart to the March 18 Executive Committee Meeting to discuss his plans for the Office of Admissions.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:02 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Sheila Black Grubman

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